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THE CZARINA'S MANIFESTO, with Regard to the Princes Dolgorucki.



ALL, by the Grace of God, Emperess and Sovereign of all the Russia's, &c. All our Faithful Subjects have been already acquainted of the great and enormous Crimes of High-Treason, that have been heretofore committed against Us and our Empire, by the Prince Alexis Dolgorucki and his Brothers, Prince Sergius and Prince John, the Sons of Gregory; as also by Prince John the Son of Alexis; the Prince Basil the Son of Luke, and Prince Basil the Son of Wolodemir; viz. That the Prince Alexis, with his Brothers Sergius and John, and his Son, while they were at the Court of our Nephew the Emperor Peter II. of Glorious Memory, far from taking the Care of his precious Health, to which they were in Duty bound, fatigued him in the most indiscreet Manner, by Races at a great Distance from Moscow; by continual Hunting with Dogs and Falcons, and by other Chases of Wild Animals in the Summer-time, and in the cold Autumns, and even in the Winter; thus diverting that Monarch from the Knowledge of the Affairs of his Empire and Government, and so impairing his Health with such Fatigues, that they were the Occasion of his Death. During the dangerous Illness of that Prince, to the Day of his Death, they acquainted no Person whatsoever of his true State, and not only did not suffer the Ministers and other Persons of Distinction to be admitted to him, but concealed the dangerous State of his Health from the whole Court. The insatiable Thirst for Dominion with which the Dolgorucki Princes were possessed was such, that tho' they plainly saw that the Emperor's Years were too tender for the conjugate State; yet they forc'd him by odious Means to contract Promises of Marriage with the Princess Catherine the Daughter of Alexis, who was not worthy of him; an Engagement which they form'd without the Opinion or the least Privy of the nearest Kindred of our Imperial Family, and other Persons of Distinction, who had a Right to be inform'd of it, thereby violating the Laws and Statutes of the Monarchs our Predecessors. By Favour of this Marriage they appropriated to themselves a great Part of the Furniture of our Crown, consisting of precious Effects amounting to the Value of several hundred thousand Rubles. These they not only seiz'd during the Emperor's Life and before his Death, but even took them by Force at our Accession to the Throne; which engag'd us to cause a Search to be made, by virtue whereof all that they had so unjustly appropriated to themselves was retaken from them. The Dolgorucki Family did many other things during the Life of that Prince which were equally contrary to the Laws of God and Man.

The Prince Basil Loukitz Dolgorucki has also been a Delinquent against us and our Empire, because without the Fear of God and his dreadful Judgments, and without observing the Duty of a faithful Servant, he imposed on us by Stories of his own Contrivance, which tended to render the Fidelity of several of our Ministers and Subjects suspected. Altho' by the Laws of the Empire the Prince Alexis, as well as his Son and his Brothers, and the Prince Basil Loukitz Dolgorucki, had deserv'd to die for their Crimes against the State, and for their Prevarications against the Laws, yet our natural Clemency moved us to exempt them from that and the other Punishments which they had incurred. We contented ourselves with banishing them to several Places, after having remov'd 'em from the Employments which they never deserv'd, and stripp'd them of the Orders with which they had been invested. Indeed we permitted the Prince Basil Wolodimerowitz Dolgorucki to keep his Rank; but he, without Regard to the repeated Favours which he had receiv'd from us, and without considering his Duty, was so audacious as to put a malicious Construction upon our wise Dispositions for the Government; and he affronted our sacred Person by disrespectful Language; upon which the Ministers and Generals that assembled pass'd Sentence of

Death upon him in pursuance of the Laws of the Empire; but our Imperial Clemency again sav'd him from Capital Punishment; so that he was only turn'd out of his Employments and sent Prisoner to the Fort-ress of Schliekelbourg.

After the signal Favours we had shewn to Dolgorucki, we might have had Reason to expect, that, after making a proper Acknowledgment of them, and shewing an unfeigned Repentance of their Crimes, they would have liv'd quietly in the Place of their Exile, and pray'd to God for our Preservation; but they have acted just the contrary, and not having the dreadful and unavoidable Judgment of God before their Eyes, and quite forgetting their Duty, they have been guilty of other Crimes of *Leve Majestatis*, and of enormous Prevarications.

While the Prince John Alexowitz Dolgorucki was in Banishment, he was so wicked as to cast indecent Reflections upon our Sacred Person and our Imperial Family; which being represented to us, we gave Orders to inquire into the Affair; and upon his being convicted thereof he acknowledg'd his Fault. At the same Time this gave us an Opportunity of discovering other Treasonable Crimes, and Enormous Designs, of the Dolgorucki Family.

During the dangerous Illness of our Nephew the Emperor Peter II. Prince Alexowitz the Father of Prince John, and who afterward dy'd in Banishment, held a Council with the Princes Sergius and John Gregorewitz his Brothers, and the Prince Basil Loukitz their Nephew, upon a criminal and unparallel'd Project, which was not only prejudicial to our lawful Succession to the Throne of Russia, but like to put the whole Empire into a Ferment and Confusion. This Design was to procure the Succession to the Russian Throne, after the Death of the Emperor Peter the Second, to the Princess Catherine, Daughter of Alexis. For this End they contriv'd during the Illness of that Prince to forge a Will in his Name, wherein they made him declare, that he appointed the said Princess Catherine for his Successor to the Throne. The Prince Basil Loukitz Dolgorucki wrote the first Part of this Will with his own Hand, but he did not finish it under Pretence that his Writing was too bad, and he left it to be wrote out by Prince Sergius, who was directed by him the said Basil Loukitz and by Prince Alexis Gregorewitz, in Presence of the Prince John Gregorewitz and his Son John, to sit up all Night in his Chamber to write out the said Will. Sergius, after having settled the rough Draught with them, wrote it out fair, and counterfeiting his Hand, and altering his Character, that it might not be known that he was the Scribe. When this forg'd Will was drawn up, Prince John Alexowitz, in Presence of his Father and his Uncles, sign'd it in the Name of the Emperor Peter II. by an Imitation of the Characters which that Prince made use of when he sign'd his Name. Their Intention was to produce this Will after his Death, and to make as good a Use of it as if it had been really sign'd by his own Hand; and at the same time they had conspir'd the Destruction of all those that should reject the Will, or refuse to own its Validity.

Prince Sergius being recall'd from his Exile, and the Prince Alexowitz having confess'd the Crime above-mention'd, the Dolgorucki Family were convicted of it by the most evident Demonstration, and they all declared upon Examination, that finding it was impossible for them to prevent the said Will from being set aside, they resolv'd after the Emperor's Death to burn the rough Draught as well as the fair Copy of it to which the Prince John had forg'd the Emperor's Hand, as has been since confess'd by the Princes Basil and Michael Dolgorucki.

Such Falsifications, abhor'd both by God and Man, and such Prevarications of the Laws divine, human and natural, cannot be suffer'd to pass without exemplary Punishment by any Law in the World.

For this Reason, and in Pursuance of the Order we had issued for their Trial, a General Assembly was form'd in the Senate, consisting of the most considerable Persons among the Clergy and the States Civil and Military, wherein, after a mature and the most conscientious Examination of all the exorbitant and heinous Crimes of *Leve Majestatis* committed by the Dolgorucki Family, it was resolv'd to punish them

in a publick Manner by Death, according to the Laws of the Empire; and in consequence thereof, to condemn Prince John Alexowitz Dolgorucki to be first broke on the Wheel, and then to have his Head cut off; and the Princes Basil Loukitz, Sergius Gregorewitz, and John Gregorewitz, to be be-headed. This Execution was perform'd at Novogrod in Presence of all the People. But as for the Princes Basil and Michael Wolodimerowitz Dolgorucki, tho' by reason of the Crimes which they had committed they were condemn'd to die also by the said General Assembly, and deserv'd the said Sentence, we have nevertheless been pleas'd, from our natural Clemency, to spare their Lives, and to order them both to be banish'd, each to a separate Place, with a sufficient Guard to prevent them from ever going abroad whilst they live, or to stir to any Place but the House of God, &c.

N.B. They write from Petersburg, that when the Prince John Alexowitz heard his Sentence read, he took a Knife out of his Pocket and cut his Throat. But we hear, that Prince Sergius went to his Execution, and suffer'd it with all the Resolution and Constancy imaginable.

The London Gazette mentions a Report from the same Place, that Kouli Kan has been kill'd in an Engagement with the Bajalaps, a resolute Nation between Persia and Indostan.

HOME PORTS.

Newcastle, Dec. 22. Arrived the Anna, Wilson, from Rotterdam.

Falmouth, Dec. 22. Arrived the Neptune, Saville, from Dunkirk; the Young Jacob, Scott, from Rotterdam; and the Lovely Sally, Webb, from Carolina for Orders. Remains the Expedition Packet, Cies, for Lisbon. Wind S.W.

Murazion, Dec. 22. Arrived the Seafower, Suffen, from London; the Rebecca, Quea, from Bristol; the Expedition, Rantall, from Fowey; the Elizabeth, Edwards, from Lannelly; and the Endeavour, King, from Southampton.

Pool, Dec. 22. Arrived off of this Port, the Mercury, Everden, in 23 Days from Fertiland in Newfoundland.

Deal, Dec. 25. Wind E. Yesterday sailed the Dunkirk Man of War, with the rest of the outward-bound. Remains only the Dutch Ship from India. The Dutch Ship that was upon the Goodwin Sands is carried into Margate Pier. Came down since last Post, and sailed thro' the Caledonia, Moncreife, for Antigua; the Europa, Dawson, for the Straights; and the Greyhound, Russell, for Bristol.

LONDON.

A French Mail arrived Yesterday, with Letters of Saturday last; but brought nothing more material than the News of the Death of M. de Harlay, Intendant of the Generality of Paris, aged 61; and that he is succeeded in that Post by M. H. rault, Lieutenant-General of the Police.

By a Mail Yesterday from Flanders, there's Advice of the 4th N. S. from Petersburg, that the Secretary of the British Embassy there has hir'd a House for a Year, for a certain English Nobleman, who is to go over thither with the Ratification of the Private Treaty betwixt the King and the Czarina, sign'd by his Majesty: And that 'tis now apparent, that Asoph is to remain for ever annex'd to the Russian Empire; because several of the most experienced Ship-Carpenters are hir'd, both at Petersburg and Cronstad, with double Wages promis'd them; to go and build some large Men of War upon the Black Sea.

The Fellowship, Capt. Pincomb, bound from Chester with Lead for Marseilles, touch'd at Gibraltar, and sail'd from thence with a Man of War; but parting from her 2 or 3 Nights after, was pick'd up by a Spanish Privateer, and carried into Carthage.

The Storm which happened between the 1st and 4th Instant N. S. and made such dreadful Havock at Lisbon, was not more favourable to Shipping on the South Coast of Spain: Six Ships (One a very rich French Ship bound from Cork to Cadiz) having been lost between Cadiz and San Lucar; Five Sail were forced on Shore, and in great Danger of being lost in the Bay of Gibraltar. One called the Gibralt-

tar, Capt. Boond, bound from thence to Liverpool; another the Santa Theresa, Capt. Blewitt, bound from Newfoundland to Naples; another the —, Cap. Wragg, with Salmon from Scotland for Italy; but the other Two are not named.

About the same Time many Ships were lost on the South Coast of Britany; among whom was a French Man of War from Louisiana or Mississippi.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lord Cadogan, Major-General of his Majesty's Forces, is appointed Governor of the Island of Guernsey, in the Room of the Marquis de Montandre, deceased.

Last Tuesday Night died at his House in Gerard-street, Soho, the Hon. Thomas Herbert, Esq; Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Pembroke, Member of Parliament for Newport in Cornwall, Colonel of a Company in the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, and Paymaster of Gibraltar.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Captain-Lieutenant Ogby, to be Colonel of a Company in the Foot-Guards, in the Room of Colonel Moreton, promoted.

And to appoint Capt. Pénizer to be Captain-Lieutenant to the said Regiment, in the Room of Col Ogby.

Yesterday several Gallies were busy on the River Thames, impressing Men.

Last Tuesday Night Dr. Douglass arrived at his House in Red-lion-square, from Holland, where he had been to attend on her Royal Highness the Princess of Orange in her Lying-in; and Yesterday Morning he waited on his Majesty at St. James's.

William Haynes, Esq; is appointed Secretary and Clerk of the Crown in Virginia.

Yesterday the following Prizes were drawn in the Bridge Lottery, viz. No. 44544, 500 l. No. 29967, 32716, 48389, 33397, 5360, 29238, each 100 l. No. 41890, 20036, 17110, 8622, 2820, 45222, 12980, 15224, 37781, 76069, 9539, 19584, 63077, 55056, 6040, each 50 l.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Marlborough set out from his House in Piccadilly for Worcester, in order to view his Regiment, which is quarter'd thereabouts.

Yesterday Morning about 2 o' Clock a Fire broke out at the House of Mr. Thomas Trent in Gravel-lane Ratcliff-Highway, which consum'd that and the next adjoining House.

'Tis said that Mrs. Trent, her Mother aged upwards of 90, and a Lodger perish'd in the Flames. And that a Woman to escape the Flames jump'd out of a Two Pair of Stairs Window, and by the Fall broke her Back; she was carried to the Workhouse, but there are little Hopes of her Recovery.

We hear from Newcastle, that the Week before last the Ship of Mark Allen, belonging to York, laden with Salt and Cods from this Port, was lost some Leagues to the North of Scarborough; The Crew were sav'd.

Also the Ship of Thomas Girdler, of the same Place, laden with Wood for Sanderland, was lost some Days before betwixt Burlington and Scarborough: The Crew sav'd.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London Bridge.	08 22	08 52

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